

# Raptor

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INT as a 2-Suited Overcall

reference:

[https://3nt.xyz/bridge/articles/Raptor\\_RR.pdf](https://3nt.xyz/bridge/articles/Raptor_RR.pdf)

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## Motivation

\* You hold: ♠ QJT<sub>x</sub> ♥ QJ<sub>x</sub> ♦ A<sub>x</sub><sub>x</sub><sub>x</sub><sub>x</sub> ♣ Q

\* Auction: (1 ♣) ???

\* You hold: ♠ J ♥ KQ<sub>x</sub><sub>x</sub> ♦ AJ<sub>x</sub><sub>x</sub><sub>x</sub> ♣ T<sub>x</sub><sub>x</sub>

\* Auction: (1 ♠) ???

\* You hold: ♠ K<sub>x</sub><sub>x</sub><sub>x</sub> ♥ <sub>x</sub> ♦ <sub>x</sub><sub>x</sub><sub>x</sub> ♣ AK<sub>x</sub><sub>x</sub><sub>x</sub>

\* Auction: (P) P (1 ♥) ???

\* Do you: Pass?, Double for the major?,  
Overcall the minor?, or ...???

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## How To Show Your Two Suits

- \* Bid INT
- \* Raptor INT shows:  
a hand of overcall strength  
but not strong enough to double and bid
- \* After 1♣ or 1♦, a Raptor INT shows:  
exactly 4 cards in at least one major AND  
longer (5 or more) in the other minor
- \* After 1♥ or 1♠, a Raptor INT shows:  
exactly 4 cards in the other major AND  
longer (5 or more) in one of the minors

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## Examples

\* Auction: (1♣) INT!

\* You hold: ♠QJTx ♥QJx ♦Axxxx ♣Q

\* Shows: 5+♦, and a 4 card major

\* Auction: (1♠) INT!

\* You hold: ♠J ♥KQxx ♦AJxxx ♣Txx

\* Shows: 4♥, and a 5+ card minor

\* Auction: (P) P (1♥) INT!

\* You hold: ♠Kxxx ♥x ♦xxx ♣AKxxx

\* Shows: 4♠, and a 5+ card minor

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## When To Use Raptor INT

- \* Use Raptor INT in the overcall (2nd) seat
  - \* (1♣) INT! Shows: 5+♦, and a 4 card major
- \* Use Raptor INT in the sandwich position
  - \* (1♣) P (1♥) INT! Shows: 5+♦, and a 4♠s
  - \* (1♣) P (1♦) INT! Shows: 5+♥, and a 4♠s
- \* NEVER use Raptor INT to balance
  - \* (1♣) P (P) INT Shows: 11-14 balanced

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After Raptor 1NT

- \* Bid of Raptor's known suit is to play
- \* Bid of 2♣ is pass or correct
- \* Cue bid asks for Raptor's unknown suit
  - \* Doesn't promise values, but a follow-up bid is invitational or better
- \* 2NT is a limit raise in Raptor's known suit
- \* Anything else suggests an independent suit

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\* Auction: (1♣) INT! (P) 2♣

\* You hold: ♠Kxxxx ♥xxx ♦Jxx ♣Kx

\* Asks for Raptor's major, promises nothing

\* Auction: (1♠) INT! (2♠) 2NT!

\* You hold: ♠AQxx ♥Axxxx ♦T ♣Kxxx

\* Shows: limit raise in Raptor's ♥s or better

\* Auction: (P) P (1♥) INT! (2♥) 2♠

\* You hold: ♠QTxx ♥Txx ♦ATxx ♣xx

\* Shows: ♠ fit to play

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If Raptor INT is Doubled

- \* Warning: special evasive action required, advancer is likely to be weak
- \* Redouble: business (this hand is ours!)
- \* Pass!: asks for Raptor's unknown suit
  - \* Raptor Redouble!: lower suit
  - \* Raptor 2♣!: higher suit
- \* (1♣) INT! (X) P! (P) 2♣!
  - \* Raptor's major is ♠!



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With a Strong INT Overcall

\* With only 15 HCPs

\* Consider defending and pass

\* Consider T/O double

\* With 16-18 HCPs

\* Double first, then bid NT

\* You hold: ♠ Qxxx ♥ A Txx ♦ AKx ♣ Kx

\* Auction: (1♣) X (P) 2♠ (3♣) 4♠

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## Does Raptor Help? Example 1

Dir: S  
 Vul: none  
 NS 10♣ tricks  
 EW 7♠ tricks

N	E	S	W
		1c	1nt!
p	2c	3c	3s
??			

### North

♠93  
 ♥AT32  
 ♦KT87  
 ♣J87

### East

♠K7652  
 ♥954  
 ♦J93  
 ♣K9

### West

♠QJT4  
 ♥QJ8  
 ♦A6542  
 ♣Q

### South

♠A8  
 ♥K76  
 ♦Q  
 ♣AT65432

### RESULTS OF BOARD 11

SECTION	A	SCORES		MATCHPOINTS		
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	
3	S	E	50		2.50	2.50
4	C	S	150		4.90	0.10
4	C	S		50	0.70	4.30
3	S	E	100		3.70	1.30
4	C	S		50	0.70	4.30

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## Does Raptor Help? Example 2

Dir: W  
 Vul: N/S  
 NS 10♥ tricks  
 EW 8♠ tricks

N	E	S	W
			1s
1nt!	2s	2nt!	4s
p	p	??	

### North

♠J  
 ♥KQ98  
 ♦AJ732  
 ♣T98

### East

♠T842  
 ♥JT76

### West

♠K9653  
 ♥

### South

♠AQ7  
 ♥A5432  
 ♦T  
 ♣K432

♦954  
 ♣A6

### RESULTS OF BOARD 12

SECTION	A	SCORES		MATCHPOINTS	
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4	S	W	100	0.50	0.50
4	S	W	100	0.50	0.50

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## Does Raptor Help? Example 3

Dlr: S  
 Vul: E/W  
 NS 8♥ tricks  
 EW 9♠ tricks

N	E	S	W
		p	p
1h	1nt!	2h	2s
??			

### North

♠54  
 ♥AKQJ63  
 ♦J4  
 ♣QJ7

### East

♠K863  
 ♥7

### West

♠QT97  
 ♥T98  
 ♦AT86  
 ♣95

### South

♠AJ2  
 ♥542  
 ♦KQ32  
 ♣T32

♦975  
 ♣AK864

### RESULTS OF BOARD 35

SECTION A			SCORES		MATCHPOINTS	
			N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W
4	H	N		50	0.63	7.38
3	H	N	140		4.56	3.44
4	H	N	420		7.38	0.63
3	H	N	140		4.56	3.44
2	H	N	110		2.31	5.69
4	H	N	420		7.38	0.63
4	H	S		50	0.63	7.38
2	H	N	140		4.56	3.44